

Plant-out-of-place Blackwood Acacia



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Plant-out-of-place Spanish Broom



EXOTIC SHRUB

Spanish Broom

(*Spartium junceum*)

Description

- Erect annual plant that grows 10-15 ft tall
- Golden yellow pea-like flowers 1 in long and clustered at the tips of the branches
- Branches have 5 green ridges
- Seed pods are 2—4 in long and dark brown

Habitat

- Grasslands, agricultural, riparian, and coastal areas
- Can grow in all but waterlogged soils

Don't confuse with...

French Broom which has:

- Sharply angled stems
- Smaller pods (1-2 in long)
- Also a plant-out-of-place



Spanish broom has needle-like branches



French broom has angled branches

EXOTIC HERB

Periwinkle

(*Vinca major*)



Description

- Mat-forming perennial evergreen vine
- Purple flowers, March to July
- Leaves are oval, shiny, dark green, arranged opposite, 1-3 in long
- Stems contain a milky latex sap

Habitat

- Disturbed areas, roadside, garden waste dump sites, tree-covered drainages, and creeks
- Reproduces from small broken pieces of the stem

Don't confuse with...

Creeping St. John's-wort which has:

- Yellow flowers
- Clear sap
- Also a plant-out-of-place



EXOTIC TREE

Blackwood Acacia

(*Acacia melanoxylon*)

Description

- Fast growing tree that can reach 50 ft
- Feather-like leaflets which mature into sickle shaped dull-green leaves, 1/3 – 2/5 in long, >3 longitudinal veins
- Pale yellow pom-pom shaped flowers
- Twisted reddish-brown seed pods
- Flat roundish shiny black seeds encircled by pinkish-red stalk
- Rough grey bark

Habitat

- Can grow in a wide range of habitats, especially disturbed sites
- Seeds can survive in the soil for 50 + years before sprouting

Don't confuse with...

California Bay Laurel which has:

- A pleasant spicy smell
- Showy flowers



Blackwood Acacia



California Bay Laurel